



STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE  
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION  
FROM HRS CHAPTER 103D

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STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE  
STATE OF HAWAII

TO: Chief Procurement Officer

FROM: Attorney General  
Name of Requesting Department

Pursuant to HRS § 103D-102(b)(4) and HAR chapter 3-120, the Department requests a procurement exemption for the following:

1. Describe the goods, services or construction:

This request is for an exemption from Chapter 103D, HRS, for maintenance services for the hardware and software for the OpenFox™ System and its associated components.

2. Vendor/Contractor/Service Provider:

Computer Projects of Illinois, Inc. (CPI)  
475 Quadrangle Drive, Bolingbrook, IL 60440

3. Amount of Request:

\$ 150,000.00

4. Term of Contract From:

7/1/2012

To: 6/30/2013

5. Prior SPO-007, Procurement Exemption (PE):

7/2/2012 to 7/13/12

6. Explain in detail, why it is not practicable or not advantageous for the department to procure by competitive means:

See attached.

7. Explain in detail, the process that will be or was utilized in selecting the vendor/contractor/service provider:

See attached.

8. Identify the primary individual(s) who is knowledgeable about this request, who will conduct and manage this process, and has 1) completed mandatory training; and 2) who may contact for follow up inquiry, if any.  
(Type over "example" and delete cells not used.)

Name of Department Personnel	Division/Agency	Phone Number	e-mail address
Brenda Abaya	HCJDC	587-3282	babaya@hcjdc.hawaii.gov

*All requirements/approvals and internal controls for this expenditure is the responsibility of the department.  
I certify that the information provided above is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.*

  
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Department Head Signature

6-22-12  
Date

**For Chief Procurement Officer Use Only**

Date Notice Posted: 7/2/2012

Submit written objection to this notice to issue an exempt contract within seven calendar days or as otherwise allowed from date notice posted to:

[state.procurement.office@hawaii.gov](mailto:state.procurement.office@hawaii.gov)

Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) Comments:

Approval is granted for the period 07/02/12 to 06/30/13. This approval is for the solicitation process only, HRS section 103D-310(c) and HAR section 3-122-112, shall apply (i.e. vendor is required to be compliant on the Hawaii Compliance Express) and award is required to be posted on the Awards Reporting System.

If there are any questions, please contact Bonnie Kahakui at 587-4702, or [bonnie.a.kahakui@hawaii.gov](mailto:bonnie.a.kahakui@hawaii.gov).

☒ Approved

☐ Disapproved

☐ No Action Required

  
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Chief Procurement Officer Signature

7/11/2012  
Date

**Attachment to**  
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**6. Explain in detail, why it is not practicable or not advantageous for the department to procure by competitive means:**

The software provided by Computer Projects of Illinois, Inc. (CPI) for the OpenFox™ System and all of its components are proprietary. The OpenFox™ System provides a message switching suite of products which provides access to state and national law enforcement information, such as the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and The International Justice and Public Safety Network (Nlets). The OpenFox™ Message Switching System is a mission critical and highly customized system, made up of software and hardware.

Although there are various brands of hardware used for the OpenFox™ System, and while it is possible for individual manufacturers to maintain them, the software and hardware used is highly customized and tightly integrates software functionality with hardware components. The only way for CPI to guarantee the integrity of the system is for all software and hardware purchases and upgrades for the OpenFox™ System be done through CPI.

To perform this upgrade, CPI will have the new hardware shipped to CPI headquarters in Bolingbrook, Illinois for staging. During the staging phase, the hardware will be assembled in the rack, configured and checked out. In terms of the message switching system, all file systems will be built, the system will be generated using the current version of production software. All OpenFox™ configuration files, stations, ORI's, groups, users, message keys, etc., will be retrieved from the on-line system in Hawaii and converted to the latest OpenFox™ configuration structures and placed on the new system. The system will be fully made and checked out for proper operation. All database tables will be reconstructed from the online system and all data files will be exported from the existing on-line system and imported into the new environment.

The system hardware is over 10 years old and without a hardware upgrade, we will be unable to upgrade our existing software applications used by criminal justice and law enforcement agencies statewide or the software used by the HCJDC for system administrative purposes. Therefore, CPI is the only vendor that can provide the comprehensive necessary maintenance for the OpenFox™ System and it is imperative that this mission critical system be maintained.

Since the hardware is 10 years old, it is more costly to maintain and warranty these old servers than to purchase new servers. In addition, obtaining extended coverage on this old equipment will be difficult. The current operating system being used is scheduled to hit end-of-life support on July 1, 2012. This upgrade will lower annual hardware/software maintenance costs and to maximize the operation of the current central message switch.

**7. In selecting the vendor/contractor, explain in detail, the process the department will utilize to maximize fair and open competition:**

N/A

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